an antiquity, was put to auction in Geneva on November 9, 1987 but could not eventually be sold as the highest bids were less than the reserved price. Embassy of India, Berne (Switzerland) is in touch with concerned Swiss Department viz. Federal Department of Justice & Police to find out as to what can be done to retrieve the coin;

(b) The coin is reported to have been taken out of the country in a clandestine manner;

(c) and (d). The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case under Sections 120-B read with 380 and Section 25(1) of Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 read with Section 3 of the said Act and under Section 380 IPC. Central Bureau of Investigation has not come to final finding in the case.

[*Translation*]

Widening of Outer Ring Road

3608. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work to widen the Outer Ring Road in Delhi is going on for the last one year; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in completing the work and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Constitutionally, Govt. of India is responsible for development and maintenance of roads declared as National Highways only. All roads/bridges, other than National Highways, are essentially the responsibility of the State Govts/Union Territories concerned. The road in question is a State road and Delhi Administration is the executing agency. According to information received from them, except for the portion of Outer Ring Road from Road-Over-Bridge No.22 to Nehru Place, widening of Outer Ring Road is complete. However bituminous work on the widened portion is in progress which is likely to be completed by June, 1991. As regards widening of the portion from road-Over-Bridge No.22 to Nehru Place, the work is yet to be sanctioned. It is likely to be completed within 1 1/2 years from the date of sanction.

Memorandum From Weavers of Handloom Silk Cloth Industry Kancheepuram

[*English*]

3609. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from representatives of weavers engaged in the handloom silk cloth industry in Kancheepuram Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The main request of the silk handloom weavers of Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu is that the Govt. may import raw silk to meet shortage and check its prices.

(c) A proposal to import 200 tonnes of raw silk is under consideration of Government.